

UNION GOVERNMENT RETURNED TO POWER BY BIG MAJORITY

Western Canada Goes Almost Solid—
All English Ministers Elected by
Large Majorities—Sifton Elected
Here—Redcliff Does Well

The union government won a decisive victory at the polls last Monday and Redcliff did itself proud by joining in no unmitigable way with the procession of western town and cities that supported and elected union government candidates.

The following was the result of the poll in Redcliff:

Sifton	Reilly	Patton
264	73	10

A majority of 181 for Hon. A. L. Sifton over both his opponents and 191 over Mr. Reilly, the straight Laurier Liberal.

In the city of Medicine Hat Mr. Sifton got a majority of over seven hundred. Although complete returns are not yet in from the whole constituency all the places heard from so far give Mr. Sifton a majority at present of 2,298. The polls yet to report are small outlying districts and as the country is not going nearly so strong for Reilly as he predicted, there will not likely be much of a change from the present majority in total summing up. In nine county polls reported yesterday, which were supposed to give a big boost for Reilly, he only had a majority of 25 in the whole nine and Sifton came out 23 ahead in three of them. So that if this rate continues for the balance of the polls to be heard from Mr. Sifton will come down the home stretch with well over the 2,000 mark.

The general result throughout Canada is an overwhelming victory for union government, notwithstanding the big handicap to start with by an almost solid Quebec. The three Maritime provinces at present figures give the Liberals 5 of a majority but a number of the Liberals have very

narrow majorities which may easily be overcome by the soldier's vote.

Ontario and the four western provinces proved a landslide.

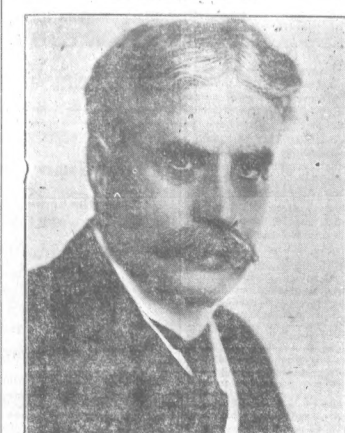
The opposition counted on at least 20 seats from Ontario, and only gave half that number. Liberals thought they could count on not less than 15 seats in the west, but Melloy, of Provencher, man, and Stork, of Skeena, B. C., are the only supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier elected. Two or three seats in northern Alberta may still be in doubt because of the large number of country polls still to be heard from, but there is little to indicate the possibility of more than three of four oppositionists being elected in western Canada.

In Ontario, 72 of 82 constituencies have been won by the unionist force, and all the ministers have been elected by large majorities. The opposition has been successful only in North Western, Russell, South Renfrew, Prescott, South Perth, West Middlesex, Kent, South Essex, North Essex and South Bruce.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his running mate, H. McMillen, were defeated close to 1,000 majority in the capital, but the Liberal leader was returned in Quebec East by 6,000.

Quebec did even worse for the unionists than was expected, 62 out of the 65 seats going into the Liberal column. The three successful unionist candidates in Quebec were Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, who won a three-cornered fight in St. Anne's division, Montreal; Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries, who was elected by a good majority in St. Lawrence-St. George division, and Sir Herbert Ames, who still holds St. Antoine division in the

HE HAS UNITED US



Unionist Leader Whose Government Was Sustained Last Monday

same city. Outside of Montreal, no Unionist was elected.

The following is the last summary of the standing by provinces:

	Union	Liberal
Prince Ed. Island	0	4
New Brunswick	7	4
New Scotia	5	9
Quebec	3	32
Ontario	72	10
Manitoba	13	1
Saskatchewan	16	0
Alberta	10	1
British Columbia	12	1
Yukon	1	0
	138	92

There are two deferred elections in Nova Scotia, one in Manitoba, and one in Yukon.

The probabilities are that all these will go with the government. This would give union a majority of 59 in the house and in all probability this number will be increased to 60 when the soldiers vote is recorded.

Boat-Which Caused

Halifax Disaster

In the opinion of Pilot Frank McKay, who was on duty on the bridge of the Mont Blanc when the collision occurred in Halifax harbor on Thursday, December 6th, between the steamer and the Belgian relief steamer Ino, resulting in the destruction of a part of the city and the loss of well over 1,200 lives, there was something crating going on board the Ino just before the collision. This was the statement he made to the court of inquiry at Halifax last Saturday when he was cross-examined by Mr. Burdell, K. C., counsel for the Ino. Counsel was questioning him as to the blasts from the Ino's whistle before the ships struck. The pilot said that he understood from the Ino's two blast signal that she intended to go down the eastern side to pass the Mont-Blanc on her starboard side. The signal, the witness said, was not followed out.

Pilot McKay differed from some previous witnesses in his testimony as to the Ino's signaling. He said that he was paying close attention at the time and he was sure that her second signal was two blasts. Instead of the Ino following out that signal, said the pilot, she twisted down a little in the channel to starboard, but he heard no three blast signal from her at the time.

In the course of his examination by the court, Pilot McKay said that sufficient room was left by the Mont-Blanc for the Ino to pass had she kept on her course. Witness said that he knew the late pilot, Hayes, who lost his life on the Ino, well and that he did not think that he had suggested the order changing the Ino's course.

Pleasant Evening For Miss Woodcock

Last Thursday evening a number of young people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Woodcock here last Friday evening when their youngest daughter, Aimee June, was united in matrimony to Mr. Ralph Carson, a housewife, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Garraway, of Medicine Hat.

Promptly at 5:30 the bride entered the drawing room with her father, to the tune of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by the bride's sister, Mrs. R. S. Dodge. Here the groom was in waiting and the Rev. G. L. Gordon performed the ceremony which made them man and wife.

The room was artistically decorated for the occasion, and the color scheme of yellow and white was carried out with chrysanthemums of these shades. Golden and white daffodils and jonquills were also in evidence on the way tables.

The bride looked unusually charming in her soft bridal attire of white georgette crepe over white tulle, the bridal veil being caught up with a cluster of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of rare bromeliads, and wore a pearl necklace, the gift of the bridegroom. During the ceremony Miss McKay, a close friend of the bride's, held the bridal bouquet, and after the ceremony Mrs. A. D. Douglas of Medicine Hat, sang appropriate songs.

The bride's travelling gown was of navy blue serge, braided in grey and silver was a hat to match. The young couple left on the evening train for Toronto where they will spend the winter, and the groom will resume his training in the aviation corps. They expect to leave for Texas in the early spring.

The bride was one of the first young ladies in Redcliff, having come here seven years ago when the town first came into existence. During her stay she has taken a prominent part in social and musical circles and was one of the most popular young people. The Review joins with her many friends in wishing the young couple a long and happy married life.

Popular Redcliff

Young Lady Weds

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CHURCH NOTICES

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Christmas services: Divine worship at 11 forenoon and 7:30 evening. Forenoon discourse: "The Cleansing from Sin." Evening sermon: "The Sabbath School at 2:15.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
In Crow's hall, Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock; subject, "The Waiting People." Evening at 7:30. Sermon as we saw it in 1916 and the first Christmas service. David Hollinger, pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday morning worship at 11; subject, "A Perfect Christmas." Evening at 7:30; subject: Building from the Top."

Sunday school at 12 noon.
Thursday-Ladies' Aid at 2:30.
Friday—Choir practice at 4 and 8 p. m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
Next Sunday, fourth Sunday in Advent—Right s. m. holy communion: 11 a. m., Sunday school 2:30. Evening 7:30.

Christmas Day—Holy communion at 8 a. m.; holy communion and address and Christmas hymns at 11 a. m.

There will be no senior or junior W. A. meetings.
Friday—Evening song at 7:30. Choir practice at 8.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.
Catholic services will be held in Crow's hall the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 8 o'clock a. m.

UNION BIBLE CLASS.
The class meets in the Presbyterian church at half past three on Sabbath afternoon. This will be the annual business meeting, including the election of officers and other matters of interest. All are welcome.

HALIFAX RELIEF FUND.
Mrs. Gordon, Second street, acknowledges the receipt of \$13.80 from the church of the Brethren Sabbath school (about the price of its Christmas treat freely voted for this purpose), and \$5 from "a Nova Scotian," for the Halifax Relief committee. Other contributions left with Mrs. Gordon will be acknowledged and immediately forwarded.

A HIGH WIND PASSES OVER TOWN MONDAY

Takes Roof Off Ornamental Iron Plant and M. Moffat's House—Other Damage is Done—Nothing Serious

Just at noon hour last Monday a high wind, which for a few minutes looked as though it might develop cyclone proportions, passed over the town. It came from the northwest from the old Ornamental Iron building was the first obstacle in the way, it got the full force. As a result a part of the roof on the north end was blown off.

Some few weeks ago work was commenced on the addition to the old Ornamental and a large amount of the preliminary frame work was up. This was all blown flat by the wind. Mr. M. Moffat's fine residence on Fifth street was also hit hard and part of the roof was blown off. Several small out-buildings were shifted from their moorings and everything that was loose was scattered in all directions. Fortunately, however, no persons were injured. Good fortune that the gale was simply a forerunner of the clean sweep for the union government announced few hours later. For a time it looked as though it might interfere with getting out the vote but it soon passed over and veering went directly west.

S. S. Children Give Help to Halifax

Last Sunday morning the Brethren Sunday school tried to give to the unfortunate Halifax sufferers the cost of their Christmas treat. The children gladly made this little sacrifice for this cause as was shown by their beaming faces. This sum, with some individual gifts, amounted to \$12.50, which was handed to the Red Cross Society for this special purpose. This Sunday school will give their Christmas contributions on Christmas evening at 7 p. m. in Crow's hall. All are invited to come and give encouragement to the children by their presence.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The Review calendars for 1918 are now on hand and subscribers are invited to call and get one.

Walter Perpet was taken to the Medicine Hat hospital yesterday morning to undergo an operation.

The Review wishes its readers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

All the stores in town are showing a nice assortment of goods suitable for Xmas gifts. Do your shopping early and get a better selection and service.

The Red Cross boxes will be open for the usual business on Wednesday, January 2nd. Angustine's dressing yarn can get it at the Slosser Agencies.

The week of united prayer, asked by the All-Canada Alliance, begins on Dec. 30th. Services will be held in town each evening at which pastors of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Brethren churches will take part. Further particulars will be given next week.

P. H. Wedderburn was one of the happiest men in town last Monday night. A week ago it looked as though the anti-union candidate would have a majority of about 20 at Howell but when the ballots were all counted it was found that Miss A. L. Sifton was four to the good. That's going some, Phillips.

As a result of a long series of irregularities, action has been taken to remove the members of the St. Boniface tribunal No. 71.

Acting on the order of the department of justice, E. H. Chapman, registrar (about the price of its Christmas treat freely voted for this purpose), and \$5 from "a Nova Scotian," for the Halifax Relief committee. Other contributions left with Mrs. Gordon will be acknowledged and immediately forwarded.

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CHRISTMAS.

Again we approach the Christmas season and once more we are called upon to commemorate the humble birth of the gentle Nazarene, the Saviour of the world, with practically the whole world still at war. While this fact will naturally retract from many of the old time pleasantness and reunions of this festive occasion, yet there is much for which to rejoice, and many things have happened during the past year to bring us nearer to the real spirit which should characterize the occasion. Among those who this year stand out more prominently than the news which reached us during the past week, stating that the land so dear to Him whose birth we commemorate at this time was taken from the unpeopled and barren Turk by the British. In some respects this is the event of the war. In it there is much cause for Christendom to rejoice. In taking the Holy City General Allenby could have smashed his foes and taken his objective long before it had been so disposed. The historian of the future as well as the observer of today, must note the difference of method of the Hun and the Christian. The German conqueror of Belgium made progress by a process of swift devastation. He seemed to select beautiful, rare and highly prized churches and shrines for his targets. Success was more important to him than religion or sentiment. Altars and crucifixes were things to be ground to powder and obliterated when they crossed his path.

The Britons in Palestine, whose fathers for hundreds of years had been Crusaders, approached their goal, in the midst of the fiercest and most ruthless war in history, with awe and veneration. Nothing would have persuaded Albany to order his gunners to reduce the fort inside the city walls. No man in his army would have relished a shot that might endanger the places so sacred to his mother's faith—the cradle of Christendom and the tomb of the Savior. A contrast of Allah's method of approaching these beloved spots of Biblical narrative, with the German hosts swarming into Louvain with murder, arson, rape and pillage in their hearts, tells the whole story of this awful struggle between civilization and savagery.

Any man on whom who believes in Christianity will be able to enter more heartily into this Christmas spirit when it is known that these most sacred spots on earth have been wrested from Moslem control. It took a world war to bring it about but it has been accomplished, at least so far as the Brits in the conquered with clean hands.

The Montreal Herald suggests that Sir Wilfrid Laurier be offered a portfolio in the union government since there are no French Canadians in it. He has been so much opposed to union government and all that it stands for as to force a general election on the country at this time, we cannot see how he could possibly accept such an offer now. The people of an Ottawa constituency said they did not

want him even as a member and the people must rule.

THE ELECTION.

The Dominion general election of 1917 has now passed into history and Canada has shown to the world that her people—except in a few isolated cases—can get above petty party politics, and throw their whole weight into the breach, at a time when the country and the Empire are facing a crisis, and united action is needed.

From the Ottawa river west the slogan, "The Greatness of the Issue Unites Us," meant more to a mere party shillbottle cornered by the eye of an election, and the result of the contest from the Pacific ocean to Montreal shows that the descendants of the little island Empire over yonder, in this part of the Dominion at least will not desert her in her hour of peril and trouble.

So far as majorities go the result in Redcliff was most gratifying. Of the 347 votes cast only 83 prevented our mayor from being able to carry out the wish expressed by Mr. Sifton while here last Saturday evening, when he said he hoped the men and women of the town would, by their votes on Monday, authorize their mayor to write the news to the Redcliff boys at the front that a solid Redcliff was behind them in their fight for liberty and democracy.

However, the election is over. The people as a whole have overwhelmingly endorsed union government and all that it stands for. The leader of the opposition and his followers have told us on several occasions that if conscription was endorsed by the people of Canada either by a plebiscite or a general election, they and their "compatriots" would abide by the decision and carry out the law of the land to the letter. They will now have the opportunity of proving their sincerity and the people of the result of Canada will watch the result with interest.

AN OPPORTUNITY.

Apart from the question of entertainment, the play put on by the young people of the town a few weeks ago was a good thing for the young people and similar events should be carried on and encouraged from time to time.

The preparations for such entertainments fills a gap which is otherwise hard to fill. The last play served as a means of bringing the young people together and getting them better acquainted with each other. This being the case we think our churches and other organizations should work together for the purpose of continuing and encouraging this line of amusement.

We have no doubt that at the present time there is sufficient talent among the young men of the town to get up a good minstrel show. In this way we might very easily arrange for at least two entertainments a month by local talent during the winter months.

There certainly is great need for some concerted action on the part of all interested to furnish some line of amusement for the young people. We have more of them in town now than we ever had and we have no right to find fault with how they spend their leisure hours if we do not at least attempt to do something to furnish them with something more to our liking.

In his election speeches Mr. Rellly was in favor of using persuasion rather than coercion with the province of Quebec. The slogan on his bill was "Let the People Rule." The people had their say last Monday. Mr.

Rellly can now get busy on that persuasion stuff.

A MESSAGE TO CANADA.

It is an undoubted fact that an attempt so extensively organized and so deliberately carried out as to make its origin easily attributable to enemy agents has been made in Canada to discredit the Food Controller and to checkmate his efforts along the line of conservation. Stories without even a vestige of truth have been scattered broadcast. Nor have they come to life casually. They have started simultaneously in different parts of the country, and in each instance have been calculated to arouse public indignation. These untruths, intangible quantities though they be, have the power of destruction that lies in a battalion of soldiers. They are insidious, subtle, persistent. Bit by bit they dissipate public trust, the great asset of the work of food control. They hamper the work of the Food Controller. It lies with every individual to forbear from criticism; to refrain from passing on the vagrant and harmful story; and thus the more effectively to co-operate in work which is going to mean more than the majority of people yet realize.

Seigny and Blondin, the two French Canadians in the union government prior to the election, were defeated at the polls and now there are no French Canadians in the government. This is the first time this has happened in the history of Canada. If a Canadian premier had attempted to form a cabinet without having the French Canadian represented in it, there would have been a great uproar from Quebec, but last Monday the people of that province did the trick themselves. Let the people rule.

Men With Brothers

At Front Exempted

The recent decision on a test case before the final appeal court, Justice Duff, at Ottawa, will no doubt effect many cases throughout the country. This case of exemption claim, carried to the final appeal court, was based on the applicant having brothers at the front or brothers who had served in France. Justice Duff allowed the claim for exemption, stating that future claims for exemption on the same question would be granted by the military tribunals.



MAJ-GEN. SYDNEY C. MEWBURN
The archives of Toronto Military District will testify to the magnanimity of General Meuburn's organization work. In the heyday of recruiting, when battalions were being born every day, Col. Meuburn's office at Exhibition Camp Headquarters were the clearing house for every detail in the business of turning civilians into soldiers. The business was an absolutely new one for Canada, and there was no ready-made machinery. Systems of bookkeeping, filing and recording had to be invented on the spot, and this work fell upon the shoulders of Col. Meuburn. He is a hard worker, business-like and shrewd, level-headed when everybody else is excited. There is nothing of the political about him. He makes a speech if he can avoid it, and keeps all the parties he can. But he possesses initiative and firmness, and both mental and physical weight.

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Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Published by authority of Director of Public Information, Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 8th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

Where, of a family, the sole remaining member is not in the Canadian expeditionary force, he should be granted exemption, especially when one of the family has already been wounded or killed. This, in brief, is the ruling of Hon. Justice Duff, on the second test case brought before him as central appeal judge, under the Military Service Act.

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Canadians

A Poem of War Horses by Will H. Ogilvie, the English Writer.
With arrows on their quarters and with numbers on their hoofs,
With the tramping sound of twenty that re-echo in the roofs,
Low of coast and dul of coast, waned and wild of eye,
Through our English village the Canadians go by.

Shying at a passing cart, answering from a car,
Tearing up an anxious head to haunt a snowy star,
Racing like a Yankee gait, reaching at the reins,
Twenty raw Canadians are treading life between.

Glied-necked and hollow-chested, lean of rib and hip,
Strained and sick and weary with the wallow of the ship,
Halo to smell the turf again, hear the robin's call,
Tread again the country-road they lost at Montreal!

Fate may bring them dale and woe; better stands than they
Sleep behind the English guns a hundred leagues away;
But till war hath need of them lightly in their reins,
Softly fall the feet of them along the English lanes.

How to Produce Pork Economically

"Conservation," a paper issued by the Conservation Commission, contains the following this week:

"Many farmers could produce pork more economically than they are now doing. Instead of selling off the last bacon hog this autumn, the Canadian farmer should keep one or two of the best young sows for breeding. It will cost but little to winter them; in fact, they are best kept in thrifty condition when not too fat. Next spring, arrangements should be made to have an outdoor run for the pigs during the summer. A small field of clover, or an acre or two sown to rape or oats and vetches would be an excellent and economical place to raise the pigs. The green feed, supplemented by a little grain, and plenty of clean water will produce thirty pigs and grow them cheaply to a size ready for quick finishing with a heavier grain ration in the autumn."

One prominent writer in the United States goes so far as to say that the supply of fat will be the deciding factor in the war. Certainly it is essential that immediate steps be taken to increase the production of pork in Canada. Some farmers seem to be prejudiced against those who are urging and working for increased production. The present, however, is a serious time, and petty prejudices should be utterly forgotten in one great effort to win the war. Only the farmer can do much to actually increase the supply of bacon. He has a great field for service in this matter, and a rare opportunity to supply, with profit to himself, what is greatly needed.

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The Food Controller Says

It cannot too earnestly be urged that Canada's supply of pork products for export to the allied nations must be increased almost without limit. Patriotic and good business combine to make the effort commendable. The need for animal foods by the allied armies and civil populations is increasingly great; the need for bacon and pork products most of all, because they contain the largest quantity, weight for weight, of the animal fats needed for the soldiers. Bacon contains 2,300 calories as compared with 1,100 in the same weight of beef and only 670 in lean beef. Shrinkage, too, in a dressed product is only 25 per cent of the live weight of hog meat, while in beef, veal, mutton, lamb it is 50 per cent.

Canada's hog products in 1916 totalled 125,000,000 pounds. The allied requirements in the same year were 1,200,000,000 pounds. In other words, the allied markets alone could have taken ten times the total Canadian supply. Yet it is not only during war time that the market is great. The export from Canada in a five-year period, which naturally covers at least two years of peace, averaged only six per cent of the British imports of hog products. The demand during the reconstruction period after the war may be assumed to be at least as great as it now is during the conflict.

If municipal bylaws were relaxed, as a war measure so as to permit suburban dwellers to keep pigs near dwellings, such might be accomplished. Mr. Hooner has stated that property kept pigs are no more insubstantial than are dogs. By "back-yard" methods alone last year, Germany was able to raise 500,000 more pigs than Canada possessed from coast to coast.

The imperative necessity of increased production of hogs is real and by the farmers of this country, and by others who could help, there is no doubt that the problem will be solved. But we cannot afford to delay, for the demand is very great and the situation in regard to food is one of the utmost gravity.

Secure Your Garden Seeds Early

It appears to be quite certain that the supply of garden seeds will be short next spring. While there is nothing to be done at present with regard to making a larger supply available, it will be wise for those who have surplus supplies on hand to take good care of them and it will be equally wise for those who want to save themselves trouble to get their seeds now if possible.

Most of the standard garden seeds, such as the seeds of bean, mangel, rape, cabbage, turnip, carrots, etc., come from Germany and Belgium, and to a less extent from England and Scotland. Since the war started we have been using the surplus on hand from these sources, but the supplies from Germany and Belgium are now "out of the way" as we have not made any progress in the production of garden seeds sufficient to appreciably offset the supply. Those who rely on their gardens to furnish an important part of their home living should be careful to protect themselves.

Great Japanese Army To Join Allied Forces

Hundreds of thousands of Japanese troops trained to the minute in methods of modern warfare are to see active service with the Allied Forces soon. This authentic information was given for the first time in the United States by Major General N. Hibiki of the Japanese Imperial army, who was in Los Angeles recently.

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The German Slav Armistice Signed

The agreement for an armistice between the Bolshevik government in Russia and the Teutonic allies has been signed. It will run until January 14, and then will continue in force automatically unless seven days' notice of its discontinuance is given. On the signing of an armistice peace negotiations are to begin.

Italy Calls 2,000,000 More Fighters to Colors

Italy has called all men of the classes of 1874 to 1899 to the colors. The action is officially designated as designed to "be ready for whatever may occur." The Italian contingents now under arms are officially stated to be 4,200,000. Besides these 800,000 men previously recruited on physical grounds have been called upon to submit themselves to re-examination. Altogether the steps taken will



Notice To Stallion Owners

Under the provisions of the new Stallion Act all stallions which stand or travel in the Province of Alberta heretofore must be inspected by Inspectors appointed by the Department of Agriculture. The schedule to be followed by said inspectors is as follows:

Jan. 2—Morning, Landon; afternoon, Strathmore.	Jan. 30—Edmonton, (Exhibition Grounds).
Jan. 3—Morning, Glendon; afternoon, Banff.	Jan. 31—Morning, Dayland; afternoon, Sedgewick.
Jan. 4—Morning, Brooks, after noon, Tilley.	Feb. 1—Morning, Hardisty; afternoon, Huguenin.
Jan. 5—Morning, Irvine; afternoon, Medicine Hat.	Feb. 2—Morning, Cairns; afternoon, Friesen.
Jan. 7—Morning, Whinniford; afternoon, Grassy Lake.	Feb. 4—Morning, Compeer; afternoon, Montfort.
Jan. 8—Morning, Tuce.	Feb. 5—Morning, Loyalist; afternoon, Groulx.
Jan. 9—Morning, Cardston; afternoon, Magrath.	Feb. 6—Morning, Castor; afternoon, Donalda.
Jan. 10—Morning, Stirling; afternoon, Warner.	Feb. 8—Morning, Ails; afternoon, Bashaw.
Jan. 11—Morning, Cochrane.	Feb. 9—Morning, Fernholm; afternoon, Camrose.
Jan. 12—Lethbridge.	Feb. 11—Morning, Rockyford; afternoon, Wayne.
Jan. 13—Morning, Vulcan; afternoon, 13—Medford.	Feb. 12—Morning, Munson; afternoon, Belle.
Jan. 15—Morning, Landon; afternoon, Finch Creek.	Feb. 13—Morning, Hanna; afternoon, Sunnmore.
Jan. 16—Morning, Grannam; afternoon, Claresholm.	Feb. 14—Morning, Chinook; afternoon, Oym.
Jan. 18—Morning, Parkland; afternoon, Manton.	Feb. 15—Morning, Alaska; afternoon, Swallow.
Jan. 19—High River.	Feb. 16—Morning, Trecho; afternoon, Louisa.
Jan. 21—Morning, Blackie; afternoon, Okotoks.	Feb. 20—Morning, Big Valley.
Jan. 22—Morning, De Winton; afternoon, Calgary, (Victoria Park).	Feb. 21—Morning, Lamoine; afternoon, Fort.
Jan. 23—Calgary.	March 8—Afternoon, Foremost.
Jan. 24—Morning, Aldridge; afternoon, Carleton.	March 9—Morning, Pakowki; afternoon, Marysville.
Jan. 25—Medford.	March 11—Afternoon, Suffield.
Jan. 26—Morning, Red Deer; afternoon, Lacombe.	March 12—Afternoon, Jensen.
Jan. 28—Morning, Ponoka; afternoon, Wetaskiwin.	March 13—14 to 24th, Leduc.
Jan. 29—Morning, Leduc; afternoon, Edmonton 8, (Star Line).	March 15—Afternoon, Retlaw.

NOTE—Morning inspections from 9.00 to 11.00 and afternoon from 2.00 to 5.00, except where otherwise specified.

It is essential that owners have their stallions at their respective stations, as indicated in the above schedule, at the time set, as inspectors cannot remain longer than the time specified in schedule. It would therefore be advisable that owners bring their stallions the day before, especially where inspection has to be made in the morning.

In the case of pure-breds, owners are requested to produce registration papers.

NOTE—Any owner who does not have his stallion inspected at the time the inspectors are in his vicinity, and who wishes to stand or travel his stallion in the 1918 season, will be required to have his horse examined by the said inspectors at his own expense.

(Sgd.) H. A. CRAIG,

Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Great Move for Jewish Nation now Under way

Two hundred leaders of the National Zionist organization launched at a convention in Baltimore the great movement to realize Jewish national unity as a result of the repatriation of Palestine from Turkey.

A cable was received from London stating that physicians and nurses and medical units could go to Palestine within another month, and it was informally announced that the American Jewish unit, organized by the Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of the country, is ready to begin work in Palestine at once.

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BARNEY D. SAFEER, Manager

W. Foster, of Creelman, Sask., spent a few days in town this week on his way west. While here he was the guest of J. Devitt.

H. L. Wannamaker, who has been farming in the Breslau district for the past few years, has sold out his farm and equipment.

School closes Friday for the Christmas holidays. The usual closing exercises to which parents are invited will be held on Friday afternoon.

FOR SALE—Dressed pigs, either by the half or whole pig. Also a good milch cow. Apply at the engine room of the Pressed Brick Plant.

Mr. James Weir suffered the fate of having his face punched for insulting English veterans at a meeting in the Elk's hall, Medicine Hat, last Friday night.

FOR SALE—Two fresh Milch cows; A1 stock. Apply R. M. Page, s/w Sec. 2-14-6.

FOR SALE—150 bushels of flax seed absolutely free of noxious weeds; price, \$3.00 per bushel; sacks extra. R. S. Further, Bewell.

Rev. G. Lawson Gordon, who has been confined to his home for the past week, suffering from a severe cold, is now much improved and able to be up again.

The Altar Society of the Catholic church held a very successful social and sale of work in Reid's hall last Friday evening. As a result of their venture the ladies cleared \$55.00.

There will be four changes in the teaching staff of our school after the Christmas holidays. Principal Liggitt has been appointed an inspector and commences his new duties the beginning of the new year. Miss Russell has secured a position in one of the Calgary schools, Miss Miller is giving up teaching on account of her health and Miss McCracken is to be married shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mrs. A. G. Ruggles, Vocal, Piano and Pipe Organ Teacher, will be in town each Wednesday. Anyone desirous of making arrangements for a course of studies in one or more of these branches will be able to meet Mrs. Ruggles at Mrs. Roy Auger's, every Wednesday.

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